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In re Applicants:

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For: IMAGE COMPRESSING

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Before considering the following remarks, please amend the application as shown below:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, line 25: please replace "filed" with -- filled --.

On page 8, line 15: please replace "parts" with -- pants --.

On page 10, line 25: please replace "153" with -- 133 --.

On page 13, line 2: please replace "upper-rightmost" with -- upper-leftmost --.

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed on December 16, 1998, all claims were rejected under section 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Gentile, Robinson, Sakuragi, Baisuck, and Murata. For the reasons developed below, Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicant's specification discloses a method of compressing a digital image where a bitmap is generated of the image to be displayed. This image is made up of a boundary image and regions enclosed by the boundary image, called textures. For each region, a pointer is assigned, associating it with a texture. By storing a bitmap of just the boundary image and the pointers, the storage space required for the digital image may be reduced.